is no Tract of Land unless in the Lower part of the Eastern Calvert Shore & the Barrens Extensive enough to answer that purpose, Except in Frederick County near the Frontiers" this depends on the return of the County Surveyors. As to Surplus Land, you mention found Contiguous to the Manors such Land will enlarge them, & of Land Scituated & mixed with other Patented Land Tracts, such irregular parcells of Land are of no Purchase but to those whose possessions they Join: such small Quantities of Land mixed with Property sold, the best discovery is by survey of the County, who will Plan to each party their Property, therefore My Lord desires the Execution of His Inst<sup>n</sup> (i e) the Surveys of the Counties.

Mr Evan's Extract from the Records of New York of the History of Delaware Bay, you have transmitt'd, is but a Pick'd Detail, Fragmts of Transactions of no use. What you ordered the Receiver Gen¹ to Advance him, will be right to be repaid to My Lords Accot from the income of the Naval Office of Pocomack, during the Vacancy. My Lord in no respect disaproves of your conduct in Regard to Mr Evans he is sensible you meant well & acted therein to obtain good Intelligence, & tho' Evans is deficient of Service it falls not on you, who could have no motive but of rendering Service.

The Circumstance you relate of Kittsmillers murder of Mr Diggs falling North of the Temporary Line within the Iuridiction of Pensilvania according to the Kings order of Council for runing that Division Line proves as I observed My Lord is Satisfyed with your Notice of his Inst<sup>n</sup> Concernge tis with the Pensilvanians to answr the Acquittance of Kitsmiller.

The Debt Books of the West Shore are recd. Mr Lloyd has his Lord ps Inst Abt the return whhe is to communicate to you. My Lord has Satisfaction in the Reduction from 20 to 15 pr Ct Receipt by the Farmers of his Quit Rents, & depends on the Reduction to 10 pr Cent on Experation of two years the present contract with the Farmers & Sheriffs, Your stated income of the Provincial Benefices is acceptable, but y' Inclos'd Copy of Bond from the Clergy his Lord disaproves, as it may occasion Controversy with them & the Bishop of London. has under Consideration a Plan for Regulating them by Authority of his Charter, with Advice of the Bishop. Approves of y' proposition for the Clergy to Benefices more considerable by remove from merrit, on such occasions with his Approbation. He consents to M<sup>r</sup> Tasker & M<sup>r</sup> Dulany being joint in the Office of Comiss<sup>y</sup> Gen<sup>1</sup> 'tis M<sup>r</sup> Taskers request & M<sup>r</sup> Dulany's desire with y' Advice to Me that the Office is Sufficient for two. When an Óffice can admit of more Officers than One the Admission is good Policy, giving dispatch to Affairs of Goverment.